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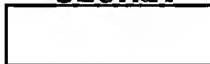
SUBJECT: Storage of U-2C/G Aircraft

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Director, National  
Reconnaissance Office, dated 27 November  
1968, Subject: ExCom Budget Decision,  
U-2 Aircraft [REDACTED]

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional documentation and justification for operating one U-2C/G at Detachment G Edwards AFB, California.

2. On 21 January 1969, the CIA forwarded a memorandum that illustrated several potential uses (RED DOT Tests, [REDACTED] etc.) and rationale that would justify limited flying of U-2C/G aircraft [REDACTED]. However, the memorandum did not mention a concern for attrition losses during the early stages of U-2 pilot training. Considering the limited number of first line U-2R aircraft in our inventory, it is imperative that every possible measure be taken to prevent attrition losses through exposure to undue risks.

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4. The training requirements outlined above for new pilots, plus the tests proposed in our previous memorandum on this subject can be accomplished by limited flying of one U-2C/G aircraft. Maintaining one U-2C/G aircraft in the flyable inventory at Detachment G for limited flying purposes as proposed will cost the NRP approximately [redacted] per year.

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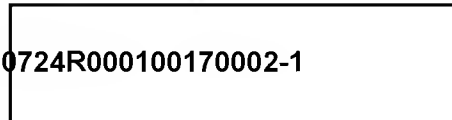
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